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IN RE APPLICATION OF
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APPLICATION NO: 10/521,946

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FOR: OPHTHALMIC OINTMENT COMPOSITION COMPRISING A DRUG,
AN OINTMENT BASE AND A SOLUBILIZING/DISPERSING AGENT

MS: Missing Parts

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

The Notification of Missing Requirements mailed July 18, 2005 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 18, 2005.

A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1590 for payment of the extension fee.

In response, applicants now submit an original or copy of a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for charging purposes.

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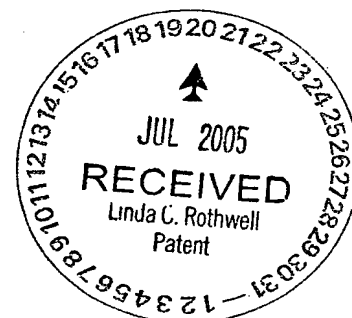
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/21/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/21/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/21/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/21/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/21/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 01/21/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/21/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 01/21/2005



The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

DOCKETED FOR: Sept. 18, 2005

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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